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# **Final Fiscal Note**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0854 **Prime Sponsors:** 

Sen. Story

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Bill Status: Signed into Law Fiscal Analyst: Aaron Carpenter | 303-866-4918

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Bill Topic:	NOTARIZATION OF CERTAIN PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:**  No fiscal impact. The bill allows a notary public to witness medical treatment declarations and anatomical gift acknowledgements. The bill has no fiscal impact.

Appropriation **Summary:** 

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, two witnesses are required when an individual signs a declaration to withhold or withdraw life sustaining procedures and when an individual fills out a record to make an anatomical gift at the request of a person who is physically unable to sign the record. The bill allows a notary public to stand in for the two witnesses, unless a court determines otherwise in the interest of justice.

### Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill allows individuals to sign certain probate documents in front of notary or other individual authorized by law to take acknowledgements instead of two witnesses. The bill does not impact the operations of any state or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 7, 2021, and takes effect on September 7, 2021, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

**Judicial** Secretary of State